

Madison County Weed Board
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The Regular meeting of the Madison County Weed Board for March 20, 2008 was called to order at 1:53 p.m. by Chairperson Betty Sykes. Present at the meeting were Board members, John Armstrong, Charlie Gilman, Coordinator, Margie N. Edsall, Office Assistant Janie Alt, & Commissioner Marilyn Ross. Absent was Board members Ted Coffman, & Chuck Buus.

Interviews were held for the positions of Compliance Tech & Program Assistant. There were 2 applicants for the Compliance Tech & 1 for the Program Assistant.

After a short discussion Betty Sykes made motion to hire Sam Korsmoe for the position of Compliance Tech. John Armstrong seconded. All voted aye, motion carried.

Charlie Gilman motioned to hire Dale Grose for the position of Program Assistant John Armstrong seconded. All voted aye, motion carried.

Charlie Gilman made motion to approve the February 14th, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. John Armstrong seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Office & Program Margie met with Heliworks ,Will Hogan, Jeffco Coordinator, Sam Little, Broadwater Co. Coordinator, Pam Converse, & Extension Agent from Gallatin Co., Ron Carlstrom to discuss spring aerial work. Aerial is scheduled to start May 9th.

Bozeman DOT start up monies is \$4,000. Margie put in request for \$24,000 for the 2009 fiscal season. No meeting is scheduled for Bozeman but Margie expects to get full funding for fiscal 2009.

Butte DOT start up monies is \$5,000. Margie requested \$16,000 for the 2009 fiscal season. Margie will meet with Butte DOT on March 31st to decide whether she will be fully funded for fiscal 2009.

BLM Agreement monies is \$40,000 that will give us \$65,000 for the season. Margie said there may be more money available later.

Margie is waiting approval for Crew training agenda from the Dept. of Ag. Training will be June 2, 3, & 4 at the Alder Community Fire Hall.

Margie met with the Ruby Watershed on 19th in Sheridan to discuss plans for upcoming season. Items discussed were doing prescribed burns on the BLM portion of the S. Tobacco Ranch and emphasis on weed management in Browns Gulch. Margie said she also plans on visiting with managers of the MTX Ranch to try and get them engaged in an integrative weed management plan.

Another "Welcome to the Neighborhood" is scheduled for June 13th in Twin Bridges. The goal is to get new landowners together to make them aware of resources & information that is available for their use & benefit.

Margie will be meeting with the sheep grazing institute March 21st, along with BLM, MVRG Weed Committee & Riley Wilson to discuss the pilot project.

Personnel: Crews will be hired on the 14th of April.

Equipment: The Weed Board has purchased 2 New Intelli Spray Systems with 300 gal. tanks 1 single unit for the Roadside and a double unit for BLM.

Grants: The Madison Grant took a 50% cut leaving us with \$36,607.00

Norwegian Grant	\$18,000.00
Madison Bio Grant	\$ 7,000.00
Big Hole (Silver Bow)	\$35,000.00
Beaverhead Grant	\$32,000.00

Margie attended a Big Hole Watershed Committee meeting on March 13th. She was on the agenda to discuss a possible grant for treating Tall Buttercup along Hwy 41 S.

Other Old Business: None

New Business:

Right-of-Way Permit: 1 permit was approved and signed for Larry Perry.

Alder Facility: Margie discussed with the Board the possibility of building a facility in Alder for the Weed Board offices & storage. Commissioner, Marilyn Ross explained to the Board about the assessment that was done on the Old Schoolhouse where the offices are currently. She said that the building is not in adequate condition for people to remain inside. The Commissioner's are waiting on a full written assessment of the building to determine how detrimental the structural damage is to the building. Marilyn also suggested to Margie that she visit with the Facilities Committee about her proposal.

Budget: 2140 - \$373,573.00 , 2840 – \$63,172.00

Other New Business: Chairperson Betty Sykes asked if the Regular April Board meeting could be changed from the 17th to the 14th. All voted that would be ok.

NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE APRIL 14TH @ 1:30

Meeting adjourned at 2:55

Minutes respectively submitted by:

Janie Alt, Office Assistant